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PUMPING OUT OF OIL AND GAS BY PAKISTAN FROM WESTERN SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Pakistan has been surreptitiously pumping out valuable and large quantities of oil and gas from the western sector of the country by using modern technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for non-detection of the illegal outflow of country`s natural wealth; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to augment the progress of the full exploration of oil and gas in that sector?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) & (b): The considerations like the sub-surface behaviour, and the distance of the wells/fields from international border are such that it does not appear to be feasible for Pakistan to pump out oil and natural gas from the western sector of the country even by using modern technology.

(c): Both the two National Oil Companies, viz. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL), are active engaged in their respective areas of operations in the State of Rajasthan and Kutch-Saurashtra offshore.Exploration by Private/Joint venture consortiums has also been undertaken in the concerned blocks in the sector in terms of the provisions of the respective Production Sharing Contracts.